

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

ACADEMIC COMPETITION RESOLUTION OF 2013

SPEECH OF

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 26, 2013

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, as an original co-sponsor of the Academic Competition Resolution (H. Res 77), I rise to express my strong support for the Congressional Academic Competition for STEM Education. I believe this new and innovative program promotes entrepreneurship while engaging students in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM).

With the increasing demand for students to focus on STEM fields, it is important for students to get involved, compete, and further their scientific knowledge. This Congressional competition will prepare future generations to better understand the world and technological progress. Since technology evolves rapidly, this competition reflects the fast pace of developments in these cutting edge fields.

The Congressional Academic Competition for STEM will first focus on developing mobile applications for phones, tablets and other computer devices. As time progresses, it has been constructed to evolve to meet future STEM needs whether it be technological applications or future inventions.

I am excited to see what students across America will invent and I look forward to the creative breakthroughs and scientific advancements this competition will fuel. I encourage my colleagues to support this initiative, which seeks to inspire our future generations to lead through innovation.

A TRIBUTE TO THE BURBANK COORDINATING COUNCIL'S 80TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2013

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to the Burbank Coordinating Council as it celebrates its eightieth anniversary.

Since 1933, the Burbank Coordinating Council—comprised of volunteers from city departments, businesses, PTAs, service organizations, and schools—has been dedicated to serving the needs of Burbank by creating numerous programs to benefit the community.

The Burbank Coordinating Council founded many programs to serve the community, including the school crossing guards program called "Safety Sallies," community forums to allow the residents' voices to be heard regarding public issues, Senior and Youth boards to better understand the needs of seniors and youth, Foster Home Studies, and Books for Korea.

In 1936, the Burbank Coordinating Council began a program to provide scholarships to needy children from low-income families to attend a week of resident or day camp during summer. This camp experience gives children an opportunity to make new friends, build self-confidence, relax and, of course, "just be kids." Today, the Burbank Coordinating Council sends anywhere from 50 to 200 children to camp each year.

Since 1946, the Burbank Coordinating Council has prepared and delivered hundreds of Christmas baskets to families in need throughout the City of Burbank. These baskets, filled with food and gifts, are assembled with love and with the goal of making a positive difference in peoples' lives. This effort has grown tremendously over time, from serving a few families when it first began to now serving over 550 families annually, in what is now called "Holiday Baskets".

This remarkable organization always lends a helping hand to those in need of food, shelter, counseling, or other assistance. The time, energy and resources that the volunteers of the Burbank Coordinating Council provide to the City of Burbank is extraordinary, and so many needy residents have benefited greatly from the generosity of the Burbank Coordinating Council. I ask all Members to join with me in commending the Burbank Coordinating Council for eighty years of dedicated service to the City of Burbank.

HONORING THE LIFE OF E. WILLIAM MILLER

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2013

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the life of Mr. E. William Miller, who passed away last Friday, February 22nd, 2013 at the age of 86. A family man and veteran who served many years as the chairman of the Town of Tonawanda's Youth, Parks and Recreation Department, Bill dedicated his career to bringing quality public facilities and activities to the people of Tonawanda.

Bill was born in Buffalo, New York, on May 4th, 1926, and lived most of his childhood in Kenmore. Upon graduating in 1944 from the newly built Kenmore High School, he was drafted to serve our country in World War II.

While in the Army, Bill fought in Belgium, France, and Germany, rising to the rank of staff sergeant before his discharge in 1946. During his first summer home from battle, he met his future wife, Barbara Frost, at Crystal Beach, a popular summer retreat for Western New Yorkers in Ontario, Canada. Bill and Barbara married in 1950.

After graduating from Hobart College in 1951, Bill accepted a job installing telephone poles for the New York Telephone Company, and the couple moved to Dunkirk. Five years later, they returned to the Buffalo area, and

built their first and only home in 1958. There, on Abbington Avenue in the Town of Tonawanda, they raised three children, and lived together until Barbara passed away in 2006.

In 1973, Bill began his tenure on the Tonawanda Town Board, serving as chairman of the Youth, Parks, and Recreation Department. As a councilman, he was innovative both in vision and method, working tirelessly to bring progressive, utilitarian recreational facilities and programs to Tonawanda. Inspired by his family summers at Crystal Beach, Bill believed that all people, not just country-club members, should have access to high-quality recreational facilities. He understood that spaces for public recreation form the fabric of close-knit communities by giving neighbors opportunities to come together.

Bill was instrumental in countless projects, including adding roofs to the Lincoln and Brighton ice arenas, replacing a deteriorating pool with the new Aquatic and Fitness Center, the Senior Citizens Center on Ensminger Road, the construction of a boat launch and docks on the Niagara River, the Paddock Golf Dome, a driving range, and lighted baseball fields. Over his years of service, he earned the nickname "Mr. Recreation" from his colleagues for his inimitable work. By the time he retired in 2002, Bill was deputy town supervisor.

In addition to his time on the town board, Bill worked in the credit department at National Gypsum and as an administrator at many area hospitals. His devotion to good works extended to his personal life. He was a founding member and strong supporter of the Ken-Ton YMCA, and a lifelong member of the Deerhurst Presbyterian Church. Politically, he was a long-time member of the Ken-Ton Republican Party.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me in expressing our deepest condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of Mr. Bill Miller, especially his daughter, Lynda Vandermeer, and son, Gary. Like so many of his neighbors and friends, I am grateful for his many years of service to the Town of Tonawanda and Western New York.

SHELBY V. HOLDER AND THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2013

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, today the Supreme Court heard arguments in Shelby County, Alabama vs. Holder. This case presents a direct threat to Section Five of the Voting Rights Acts of 1965—the most effective civil rights legislation ever enacted by Congress.

The Voting Rights Act of 1965 was passed just one year after I graduated high school.

I was born and raised in El Paso, Texas, and I vividly remember the days of Jim Crow, segregation, and the poll tax.

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